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The following article was written especially for The Foggy Bottom News by Mr. Wesley C. Haraldson, a member of Western Presbyterian Church and fellow Bottomite.

THE WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Western Presbyterian Church has a long and an interesting history; reflecting growth and changes which have taken place in Foggy Bottom and its immediate neighborhood. Church records depict local conditions during times of war and peace, prosperity and depression, the region's modest beginnings and later importance and growth.

Its patrons have included presidents and generals, senators and congressmen, cabinet officers and the

prominent local business and social leaders. The premises have been used as a military hospital, a meeting house for other denominations, and a USO Center. Its first full time pastor was paid \$800 per year; but by 1910 this was raised to \$1800 "including the use of the Manse". By 1897 its total indebtedness had been reduced to about \$600; and by 1907 its debts were "reduced to \$5650".

The intervening depression had been sorely felt! Total annual receipts were \$2564 in 1872 and less than a thousand dollars more than 40 years later!

The Church's beginning goes back to 1848 when an apprentice hatter started to hold Sunday School and prayer meetings for the "glass house settlement" -the workers and neighbors of the "Old Glass Works" which was then located at 22nd and Water Streets. David Wilson had "migrated" as a young man from Somerset County Maryland to Georgetown and taken up hat making. A deeply religious person, he soon made a name as a church man and an organizer of charities. At various times he was a hatter, police captain and an agent for a Bible society. He held his neighborhood prayer meetings in a little frame building on the corner of 22nd and E Streets. It was at such a meeting that the assembled neighbors decided to build a church for themselves. They soon organized a campaign and drafted an appeal for full community support.

The appeal for funds emphasized that the area which it was to serve included the White House, the residences of "many Foreign Ministers", as well as the "residences of our most respected citizens". The response was apparently widespread and generous. The record of subscribers reads like a "Who's Who" of the day. Among the more prominent were President Franklin Pierce, and Senator Jeff Davis. The record also contains identifying endorsements such as "John Farr of Philadelphia", "Miss Melville of Tennessee", and "John Nourse of Kentucky".

With pomp and ceremony the corner stone was laid on August 22, 1854 on a lot on the north side of H

between 19th and 20th Sts. According to the newspaper account, it was quite an event, shared by the church officials, Masonic lodge and city notables. Speeches were made and prayers offered; "appropriate hymns" were sung. Highlight of the occasion was reported to be placing a container of contemporary relics into the wall of the church: newspapers, a Bible, silver coins, etc.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 25 - 8:00 P.M.

Pillsbury Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church 2430 K Street, N. W.

PROGRAM

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR 1985

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DISTRICT AFFAIRS Alex E. Wiskup, Chairman

Mr. T.F. Airis, new Director of the Department of Highways and Traffic, has outlined two areas of left over land which might be used for parks or playgrounds in Square 5.

One of the areas is a half-moon west of 26th Street, between Eye and K Streets and the other a triangle on the northeast corner of Eye and 27th Streets.

Mr. Airis has asked the National Capital Planning Commission to draw up plans for these areas — and the Foggy Bottom Association can offer suggestions. This is in response to the Association's request of October 1, 1963 regarding left over land in Squares 1, 4 and 5. The left over land in Square 1 (the old school land) has been dedicated to park use.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE Bernice Teuteberg, Chairman

Mr. W. C. Dutton, Director of the National Capital Planning Commission, will be guest speaker for the meeting of May 25. He will speak on the Commission's current project of developing a comprehensive plan for the District for 1985. Toward that end the Commission is currently talking to neighborhood groups and civic associations to determine what the citizens want their areas to look like in the next 20 years -- what they would like added and what should be eliminated.

Each of you is requested to give thought to this objective before our meeting so that we will have specific recommendations and/or suggestions to offer Mr. Dutton.

As announced earlier, we are having another "Area Party" this year. It will, in all probability, be held in the same place as last year -- behind 2429, 2431, 2433, and 2435 Eye Street -- on June 20th from 3 to 7 p.m., or, until the beer runs out!! More details will be printed in the next issue of the NEWS.

In the meantime, circle this date on your calendar, and notify the friends whom you want to bring.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Rufus Lisle, Chairman

We cordially welcome the following neighbors into the membership of the Foggy Bottom Association:

Colonel and Mrs. Ray C. Burrus, 2475 Va. Ave. Mrs. Vorda Honnold Clutter, 2475 Va. Ave. Concordia United Church of Christ, 1920 G St. Miss Verna E. Heston, 730 - 24th Street Steven D. Ivins, Esq., 2424 Pa. Ave. Lt. Col. and Mrs. R. T. Kennedy, 2475 Va. Ave. Reverend and Mrs. Henry C. Koch, 1920 G St. Mr. and Mrs. J. McIlvain, 2405 Eye Street Miss Lenna M. Roll, 730 - 24th Street Mrs. Fred S. Tupper, 825 New Hampshire Ave. Leighton van Nort, 825 New Hampshire Avenue Charles Wiesner, 2325 Virginia Avenue Miss Barbara J. Witt, 922 - 24th Street

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THE LONG BLACK GLOVES A Short Short Story by Howard Malcolm, III

It was 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Ken lay on his bed fully clothed, staring at the ceiling; his left arm folded behind his head; his right hand holding a cigarette to his lips, He thought to himself, "It must be at least seven months since I last killed a broad".

That moment in Ken's life when his mind first snapped could not readily be determined; but he was unquestionably, and literally, a confirmed compulsive lady-killer. All his crimes followed the same pattern: he would meet them at a party and give them a ride home; they would telephone him a few hours later telling him they had left a purse, earrings, or a cigarette lighter in his car. "Could I come over to your place now and pick it up?" they would ask.

A few moments later ... a few drinks of wine ... a few tender kisses ... and later - - when all was serene, Ken would pounce on his victim with maniacal fury. Sometimes strangulation; sometimes a broken back; sometimes a simple stabbing. And as he committed the crime, he would cry out in anguish, tears running down his face, "You're all alike! All alike!"

The girls were always complete strangers. There was never a connection with him. He continuously moved from city to city, never leaving a clue. Six murders in four years.

The telephone rang; Ken picked it up; a throaty voice said, "Hi, Ken, this is Brenda. I left my long black gloves in your car when you drove me home. Could I come over to your place now and pick them up?" "Yes!" he blurted out. "Yes! Yes!"

A few moments later ... a few drinks of wine ... a few tender kisses ... and later - - when all was serene, the wrath of a twisted mind -- a hand whipped through the darkness -- edge of hand against side of neck -- a fatal karate blow. Walking away from the limp body, Brenda said, "You're all alike."



AUDITOR WANTED

The Foggy Bottom Association needs a volunteer auditor to audit the books at the end of this year. If you are an accountant (not necessarily a CPA), this is an opportunity for you to perform a useful and necessary task for the Association. Please call our president, Bill Simon, FEderal 3-7514.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Now is the time for all good men (women and children, too) to come to the aid of Foggy Bottom -- by cleaning up front yards, back yards, and in between. While the City furnishes the sod between the sidewalks and the curbs, it is the responsibility of the residents to water, trim, and keep clean the entire area from the building line to the curb.

Note to dog owners: Foggy Bottom is a small area. Please, please, please - curb your dogs. The City does sweep and wash down the streets occasionally; but, the City does not wash down the alleys and the courts. So, take pity on our alley dwellers (both in Snow's Court and Hughes Mews) by walking your dogs in the wide open (relatively speaking) spaces.

Let's make this spring a real clean-up spring!!!!! You'll have a better nieghborhood to live in as well as the satisfaction of knowing you have done your bit to help make it that way. *******************

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Strollers along the Left Bank of Rock Creek in the neighborhood of 26th and K Streets often stopped to see Foggy Bottom's first outdoor art exhibition of home talent, sponsored by Messieurs William Paul and Irving Pincus, one Sunday afternoon recently.

It wasn't exactly the same as the Left Bank of the Seine in Paris, though Spring in Paris couldn't have been nicer than the weather here that Sunday, April 26th. Nor were the pictures shown the same. In Paris each artist shows his own. Here Messieurs Paul and Pincus of D & W Market took care of every detail. About a dozen artists hung pictures, some represented by three or four of their works. The effect was good against the black board fence back of D & W Market and on little student's easels that were scattered about. Easy chairs were available to those who wished to take in the show leisurely, and many did.

One of the striking aspects of the well-arranged exhibition was the variety of sizes of pictures, the different media employed and the many subjects treated. Dominating the show was a large portrait of an oriental man and two smaller oils of Eastern women, done by Mrs. Patricia Bavernschmidt, who has spent some time in Southeast Asia. She had a "one-man" show inside D & W Market about two years ago that some of you may remember.

MAY PROUDLY PRESENTS

- 16-18 Margaret Rutherford and Terry Thomas in MOUSE ON THE MOON plus Peter Sellers in HEAVEN'S ABOVE
- 19-21 THIS SPORTING LIFE plus THE LONLINESS OF THE LONG DISTANCE RUNNER

Besides her oils there were paintings in various media by the following Foggy Bottom artists, and a few who are friends of Foggy Bottom residents. All are customers of the well-known "Bill" Paul and Irving Pincus, partnership owners of D & W Market. The show was held in the vacant lot south of the store. Exhibitors were:

Mrs. Patricia Bavernschmidt, 2524 K Street
Miss Nyrna Forbragd, from Leonard, Minnesota
John V. Barnett, 441 Second Street, S. E.
Miss Virginia Tanner, 940 - 25th Street
Joseph Timony, 2514 K Street

E. Yalton, Consul General Designate to Argentina Miss Sandra Davis, 301 G Street, S.W. Mrs. Evlyn Martyn, 2517 K Street Mrs. Vernon O'Neil, 2475 Virginia Avenue Pat Valicente, 2516 Eye Street Locke Wallace, 2522 L Street

Addresses not listed: E. Diane; J. P. Bovet; Esther Turner (deceased); and an unknown African painter.

STATE DEPARTMENT RETREAT GROUP

On Sunday, May 24, the Loyola Retreat Group of the State Department will hold an Hour of Recollection at 5:00 P.M. for the members, their wives, friends and associates at the Church of St. Stephen, Martyr, Pennsylvania Avenue at 25th Street. All retreatants are invited. Following the spiritual service, a social will take place in the Church hall.

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EVENING PARADE

The U. S. Marine Corps Evening Parade featuring the Marine Band, Drum and Bugle Corps, and Silent Precision Drill Units will begin May 22 and continue through September 25. This program is given on Friday evenings at 9 PM, at the Marine Barracks, 8th and Eye Streets, S. E. Reserved seating may be arranged by calling 543-1601; it is suggested you call in advance. Too frequently we dismiss the numerous military activities in the Washington area; in this case, it would be a gross oversight to do so.

TENNIS COURTS AVAILABLE

Following are some of the free tennis courts maintained for your use. Write to the D.C. Recreation Department, 3149 - 16th Street, N. W., for a free permit. Please enclose a self-addressed envelope. An * indicates clay courts. All addresses are N.W.

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Due to limited seating capacity you are requested to made advance reservations. Call FEderal 7-8080 between 8 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

The barge leaves from Lock 3, one-half block south of 30th and M Streets, and proceeds upstream to Lock 5 (at Brookmont, Maryland). Following a ten minute rest stop, the barge returns to Lock 3. The round trip time is about 4 hours; refreshments are sold during the trip. The fare is \$1.35 for adults and 85¢ for children 12 and under. Arrangements can be made for groups to charter the barge evenings other than Wednesdays. The following schedule will be maintained through November 1:

SATURDAYS 9 A.M. 2 P.M.
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About the thrill of talking with Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth when she came to the Francis School to vote in the D. C. Primary, on May 5. This former White House hostess is still as attractive and electric as she was then...a most interesting person.

About the excellent turnout of voters on May 5th.... and the extremely good weather we had for it

About the new gold sign adorning Marg-Ann's Salon on the corner of 25th and Eye Streets

About the new look of Washington Circle both inside the Circle itself, with the new sidewalks and sodding, and the buildings surrounding it, most of which are getting or have recently received a facelifting

About the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new pavilion at George Washington Hospital expanding the facilities from the present 430-bed hospital to a 545-bed one

About Bottomite Bob Oswald's receiving the award of Outstanding Law Student of 1964 at GWU

About Jean Rudolphi's upcoming trip to Arizona and her fear of getting the measles since roommate Ann Margaret Mason broke out with them this week.....

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About the Sunday morning break-in at Coller's (yes, again!) and the burglar alarm ringing for over an hour until Harry got to the store to turn it off

About the "community" lawnmowers on Eye Street and the energetic Sunday users thereof

About Morella Hansen's roses ... which seem to be the first ones in bloom every year

About Ruth Patterson's Mother's Day trip to visit her youngest son ... and the obvious improvements she made in his yard and patio

About the number of accidents at New Hampshire Avenue and Eye Street lately ... most of which have been minor ... but nonetheless nerve-racking to the close-by residents

About how typical the Dick Duggan sketch below will be in the coming months



About the editor's "vacation" coinciding with publication date of the June NEWS ... and how he would appreciate receiving copy early next month

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FROM OUR CHURCHES

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The Baptistery at St. Stephen Martyr Church is both simple and beautiful. Beneath the high tower on the corner and to the right of the entrance is the baptistery. Here the architects linked the nineteenth century tradition with the contemporary style of the rest of the structure, thus carrying out the wish of Monsignor Denges, the Pastor, that some memory of the old church be retained. Pieces of marble from the old sanctuary floor have become the floor of the baptistery and panels from the former communion rail now form the wainscot. The old highly ornate hanging sanctuary lamp has been inverted and set on a Bortore marble pedestal to become the baptismal font. The walls above the wainscot are all chipped glass and depict the baptism of Jesus by Saint John, with the anchor of hope and the fisherman's net and fishes (Symbol of Baptism, the sacrament of justification of men) making a handsome play of color and design in the other panels.

We will have a Novena in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, beginning May 28th to June 5th. (The Feast of the Sacred Heart). All are welcome!

Novena Prayer after the 6:30 and 7:30 Masses daily, Sunday at 5 p.m.

CONCORDIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1920 G Street

Vacation time is here and in the coming months the readers of The Foggy Bottom News will take off for near and distant places to find relaxation and see new places. Concordia United Church of Christ, with its pastor, the Reverend Henry C. Koch, D.D., extends sincere wishes for an enriching experience to all members and friends.

At Concordia Church activities continue at full pace. The contract has been let for the renovation and the painting of the sanctuary and work should be under way by late summer.

The organization known as the Concordians, a group for all ages holding monthly meetings beginning with supper at 6:30 p.m., is one of the most active of the church. For its meeting on May 19 it will feature a program on the project "Good Ship Hope". The meeting is open to friends of the community.

The church year with its festival days comes to a close with the observance of Pentecost on Sunday, May 17. Holy Communion will be observed. All services are at 11:00 a.m. and the public is most cordially invited.

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SUNDAYS

Matins at 7:45 A. M. and Low Mass at 8:00 A. M. Sung Mass and Church School at 9:00 A. M. High Mass and Sermon at 11:45 A. M. Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 8:00 P. M.

DAILY

Matins at 6:45 A.M., Low Mass at 7:00 A.M. and Evensong at 6:00 P.M.

Also Masses on Tuesday and Saturday at 9:30, Thursday at 12:00 noon and as announced. Confessions on Saturday: 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.

UNION METHODIST CHURCH 814 Twentieth Street at Pennsylvania Avenue

Union Methodist -- Methodism's Historic Downtown Church -- is initiating a program to help young persons find suitable housing and make fine friends when coming to Washington to live. An offer to help is being published in national Methodist periodicals. Those replying will be sent a packet of information, folders and maps. Local youths will write to welcome prospective newcomers. Housing will be suggested.

In its experimental stages advertisement is only in Methodist publications in order to hold the response within manageable limits, but the service will be gladly offered to any person who contacts the Union Church, or whose name is given by an interested person. The church will be glad to hear from anyone interested in the program. There is no charge for this service.

Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Young Adults 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME!

The Western Presbyterian Church (continued)

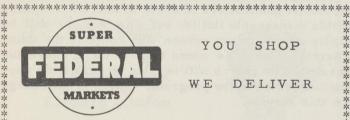
The Church was formally organized on January 13, 1855 and services first held in the finished portions about one year later. When completed the church had cost \$12,000; and it was this new church, only six years old, which the proud congregation turned over to the Government in 1862 to be used throughout the Civil War as a military hospital. Postwar renovations which included carpeting and central heating were financed by Ladies Aid activities.

With the growth of the Nation's Capital during - and after - World War I, the church rapidly found itself overcrowded. A new and bigger church was needed to house a larger congregation and the new activities demanded of a modern church. The new church was built just across the street -- the present site. It was dedicated and occupied in 1932.

The old church stood and served until 1949. It was leased and served as a church for several years. It was converted into a USO - one of the largest, if not the largest, in our country - during World War II.

When the building was razed in 1949 great care was taken to recover the relics buried in 1854; however, the capsule containing them was never found.

Perhaps it was only imaginative writing by the reporter covering the ceremonies on that hot August day in 1854!



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How this well-traveled influence has invaded American homes will be revealed by members of the National Society of Interior Designers in an exhibition of thirteen room settings which go on view May 19th at the National Housing Center. The show, by NSID Potomac Regional Chapter, remains open to the public through June 14.

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